



# *Funeral Planning Guidelines*



*Please read before filling out the funeral form.*

## **Funeral Home:**

If you are working with a funeral home, **please contact them first.** The funeral home will call our office at 585-663-3230, to check on possible dates and presider availability.

St. Charles Borromeo Church, Parish Minister, Patricia Scouten (585-406-2345, pscouten42@gmail.com) will then meet with the family to plan the funeral mass.

## **Scripture Readings and Readers:**

The family is invited to select scripture readings for the funeral. Every effort should be made to choose scripture that speaks to the faith and personality of the deceased.

Please select one reading from the Old Testament, one from the New Testament, and a Gospel reading. There are some suggested readings for each of these on the funeral planning page of the website. **One reading from the Old Testament, one from the New Testament, and a reading from one of the four Gospels — Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John — must be chosen.**

The presider/priest will read the Gospel reading that you choose. Please choose two family members, relatives, or friends to read the Old Testament reading and the New Testament reading at the funeral mass. Staff is available to read if necessary.

The readings will be sent to you before the funeral for the readers to practice. A binder with the readings will be placed on the ambo/lectern for the readers at the funeral mass.

## **Music:**

Music is an especially important part of the funeral mass. St. Charles Borromeo will provide a musician and our Resurrection Choir for the mass.

The music must be appropriate for worship, of a sacred nature and approved by the Parish Minister. You will need four songs for the mass. You can also choose a communion meditation song, This is optional. There is a list of approved music available on the funeral planning page of the website. If you don't see a song that you would like, and it is of sacred nature, please let the Parish Minister for Funerals know.

Secular music cannot be used at the funeral mass. This is non-negotiable.

## **Words of Remembrance:**

The Words of Remembrance provide a brief insight into the faith values of the deceased. It is not necessary for you to have Words of Remembrance, but if you would like to, one person may speak briefly (up to but not more than 5 minutes) after the opening prayer at the beginning of mass. If family and friends would like to have more opportunities to speak, we suggest sharing these words or giving a eulogy at the funeral home during calling hours or at the cemetery.

Please see the guidelines for the Words of Remembrance on the funeral planning page of the website.

**Please Note: Before filling out the Funeral Planning Form, please choose your music (title and number) and readings (e.g., OT1, NT2, G3). You'll need to include these selections in the form, so we suggest making note of them beforehand.**